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Clean Version

DISK DRIVE APPARATUS

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority from Japanese Priority Document
5 No. 2003-130904, filed on May. 8, 2003 with the Japanese Patent Office,
which document is hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

10 [0001]

The present invention relates to a disk drive apparatus such as a
floppy (registered Trademark) disk drive and the like.

2. Description of Related Art

[0002]

15 Recently, there has been commercially available a drive apparatus
of which an outer casing is replaceable such that some of the outer casing
of a disk drive apparatus such as a floppy disk drive has a pattern and a
color of user's favorite. As an example, there is a disk drive apparatus of
which outer casing is detached by sliding it. This is disclosed in the
20 following URL:

http://macfannet.mycom.co.jp/news/0011/28/1128logitec_fwdvd_usbfd.html

(as of the filing date of this application in Japan).

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

25 [0003]

In the disk drive apparatus described in the above URL, the outer
casing is detachable only by sliding it, and the detachment of the outer
casing is easy. However, the outer casing can only be replaced in some
portion of the top surface of a disk drive body of the drive apparatus. In
30 some cases, a larger area or a larger number of replaceable outer casings
may also improve aesthetic sense. In addition, it is anticipated that even